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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to the initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph found on page 6 of the Specification that begins with "While the shell 12, magnet 16, and core 14..." with the following paragraph:

While the shell 12, magnet 16, and core 14 of the commutator 10 may be assembled such as by welding or gluing the components together, the commutator 10 is preferably manufactured using a method that obviates the need for such retention means, but rather relies on the commutator's 10 design and materials to impart stability to the assembly. In one possible manufacturing process, the magnet pre-form 16 and shell 12 are first positioned within the commutator mold. Note, however, that a pre-formed magnet need not be used. Instead of pre-forming the magnet powder mixture into the magnet, the powder mixture could simply be poured directly into the mold. Regardless,

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